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CARTILAGE AND BONE SURFACES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement of August 6, 2004, in the above-identified application, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-12 without traverse, drawn to a method of diagnosing an inflammatory disease, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.

Applicants reserve the right to continue prosecution of the subject matter of the withdrawn claims in any subsequently filed continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part application.

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